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# H. J. RES. 22

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America to prohibit the granting of Presidential reprieves and pardons between October 1 of a year in which a Presidential election occurs and January 21 of the year following, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 27, 2001

Mr. FRANK introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

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1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2       *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*  
3       *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4       lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5       stitution of the United States, which shall be valid for all  
6       intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7       ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several

1 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
2 for ratification:

3 “ARTICLE —

4 “SECTION 1. The power to grant reprieves and par-  
5 dons for offenses against the United States shall not be  
6 exercised between October 1 of a year in which a Presi-  
7 dential election occurs and January 21 of the year fol-  
8 lowing; except that after October 1 in said year a Presi-  
9 dent may delay the execution of a sentence of death until  
10 January 25 of the year following.

11 “SECTION 2. All pardons and reprieves must be an-  
12 nounced publicly at the time they are granted.”.

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